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SUBJECT: TFIZ01: AMMAN SITREP 14 (3/27 0900 LOCAL)

General Overview

[¶](#)1. (U) Embassy Amman remains on a normal work schedule March
[¶](#)27. Activities at the American Language Center and the Peace Corps office remain suspended.

Consular Issues

[¶](#)2. (U) No new issues.

GOJ Actions/Statements

[¶](#)3. (U) On March 26, Jordanian Foreign Minister Marwan Muasher commented to Al-Jazeera on the recent criticism by the Iraqi regime of Jordan's move to expel three Iraqi "diplomats". Muasher said he "expressed his regret" at a letter sent by the Iraqi Foreign Minister to the GOJ, saying that the letter "does not live up to the relations between Jordan and Iraq nor to the personal relation between (Iraqi FM) Naji Sabri and myself." Hoping that the matter is not "blown out of proportion," Muasher reiterated the GOJ position that the expelled "diplomats" were a security risk and were not expelled as a result of USG pressure.

Security

[¶](#)4. (U) No new issues.

Refugee/Humanitarian Issues

[¶](#)5. (U) No new issues.

Press

[¶](#)6. (U) No new issues.

ECONOMIC AND TRADE DEVELOPMENTS

[¶](#)7. (U) No new issues.
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